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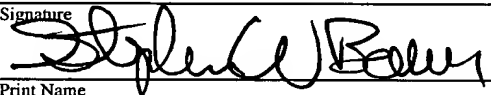
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  - \$720 for 40 total claims over 20.
  - \$156 for 2 independent claims over 3.
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